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THE 2008 WCBA CLOSED WESTCHESTER TOURNAMENT

Friday, January 4
 1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs - Bridge Deck & Hartes' Club
 7:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs - Bridge Deck
A complimentary lunch will be served at both locations.
A complimentary cold buffet will be served between sessions at the Bridge Deck.

Saturday, January 5 - Riverview
 (1 Warburton Avenue, Hastings - See directions below)
 1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
 4:00 PM Annual Meeting, followed by cocktails and dinner
 7:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs

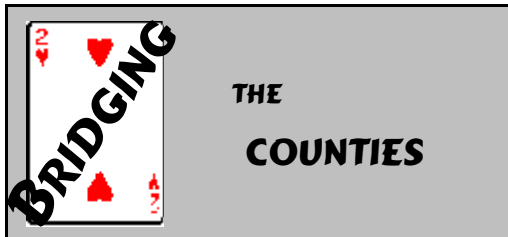
Sunday, January 6 - Bridge Deck - Golden Apple XXV
 11:30 AM Complimentary Bagel Brunch
 12:00 Noon Stratified Swiss Teams (1 Session)
 4 matches

All games stratified: 2000+, 750-2000; 0-750
 All games are \$11.00 per person per session
 Saturday: One session plus cocktails - \$16.00 per person
 One session plus cocktails & dinner - \$26.00 per person
 Two sessions plus cocktails & dinner - \$33.00 per person
 For non-bridge players, cocktails - \$7.00 per person
 For non-bridge players, dinner - \$22.00 per person
 For non-bridge players, cocktails & dinner - \$27.00 per person

Please make reservations for Saturday's dinner by December 31 with Frances Yedlin, 3601 Johnson Avenue, Apt. #5M, Bronx, NY 10463. Makes checks payable to WCBA.

Name: _____ Player Number _____
 Address: _____
 Partner's Name: _____ Player Number _____
 Address: _____

Directions to Riverview:
From Saw Mill River Parkway (North or South): Take Exit 9, Executive Blvd. Go to 3rd traffic light and make left onto North Broadway (Route 9). At first traffic light make a right onto Odell Ave. At bottom of hill make a right onto Warburton Ave and go to end. Riverview is on the left, parking across street.
From Route 9 (from North): Double traffic light in Hastings, Warburton Ave. Turn right onto Warburton Ave. and go 1 1/2 miles to Riverview.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All WCBA members who became Life Masters during 2007 will be recognized and honored at the dinner and annual meeting following the Saturday, January 5, 2008, afternoon session of our annual Closed Westchester Tournament. Each new Life Master will be presented with an engraved silver tray commemorating their special achievement. This honoring ceremony has been a tradition of our Unit essentially since its inception. I urge as many of you as possible to attend this event, and join myself, the other WCBA officers and Board members in congratulating and sharing this occasion with our newest Life Masters.

The complete schedule and the various locales for the 2008 Closed Westchester tournament is highlighted on the 1st page of *Bridging the Counties*. The Westchester Department of Parks Recreation & Conservation co-sponsors Sunday's Golden Apple Swiss team event and provides medallions for the winners in each bracket. Please make every effort to play in as many events as possible.

Election of Officers and Directors for the coming year will also take place at the

annual meeting. The complete slate of Board members for 2008 as proposed by the nominating committee can be found on page 6 of this issue.

I suspect that the bridge playing history of our members is quite varied, covering a wide range of years. Some probably got started quite young watching their parents play, others perhaps in college or just afterwards, and still others once they retired. My own personal experience lays in the first of these categories. You might say I was weaned on bridge; I think I learned the Rule of 11 about the same time as the multiplication tables. My parents, whom I'm sure many of you know, were regular duplicate and social bridge players as I was growing up. They encouraged my interest in the game, taught me the basics, and even arranged for me to caddy at regional tournaments at Skytop Resort in the Poconos.

My bridge playing continued at college, often at the expense of classes, when I knew I would find a good game in the Student Union building. In the early 70s, my wife and I ran a Bridge Club at Congregation Sons of Israel (Continued on page 3)

Editor's Corner



I had a different topic in mind for this column. But recently I played in a local club game where the director jokingly said to me, "I know you publish that left-wing pinko communist rag. I bet if you have a good game tonight you're going to write about it." I denied it at the time. We had a massive game, winning the event easily. Since I forgot what I intended to write about, I'll pay off to the director on his bet.

A few hands stand out in my mind.

One of the shortcomings of lebensohl over 1NT interference is that in some auctions the lebensohl bidder can have a wide range of points - anywhere from a bust to an invitational hand. We got caught in one of those auctions, and I had to decide whether to pass a non-forcing 3♦, or gamble that my partner had close to invitational values. I guessed wrong to bid 3NT and went down a trick, when 3♦ would have made. This problem is leading me to consider how to improve upon lebensohl. If I find a solution, I'll let you know.

A fun hand occurred when I was given another sticky bidding problem. With neither side vulnerable, my left-hand

opponent opened 3♣ in first seat. Partner bid 4♣ - a Michaels cue-bid. Right hand opponent passed. I'm looking at a 1-5-2-5 hand with 14 HCP. I am trying to figure out how to determine if we belong in 4♥, 6♥ or 7♥. I can't set hearts as trump with a forcing bid, a cue-bid is ambiguous, and 5♥ just passes the buck without giving any information for partner to act intelligently (or would ask the wrong question - for him to bid 6 with a club control when I'm holding the ♣A). Eventually, I just bid 6♥ and hoped for the best. The preempt had the desired effect of interfering with our auction and forcing me to guess. It turns out I guessed exactly right, as we were in an 11-card heart fit, missing the ♥K, and hearts broke 2-0 behind the ♥A for an unavoidable loser. Whew!

A few other hands stick out - a difficult 6♦ slam bid and made; partner opening a nine-point hand in first seat leading to -200 on a partscore hand; me accidentally opening 1NT with a five-card spade suit (a big systemic no-no for me) - and then my opponents mis-defending it partly as a result of this to let me make it. Fun stuff.

Jason Fuhrman

This N' That From Your District Director

The Fall is always an exciting time for bridge activities.

District 3 ran the North American Pairs Finals in early October in Allendale, NJ with a second Flight C Flight being held in Schenectady, NY at the Studio of Bridge & Games. To our pleasant surprise, Norma Shelley, the dedicated club owner of the Studio, single handedly was able to recruit 15 tables of players. They were treated to a homemade buffet lunch and a dinner. Our 3rd place Flight C finishers came from that location. 18 tables of Flight C participated in Allendale. Along with our Flights A & B, we ran a total of 78 tables. This just might be a record for District 3. Clearly our experiment of 2 sites for Flight C worked!

Next came the Danbury Regional. It was another great success. While not quite as many people attended this year as last, the tournament still ran over 1,500 tables which is terrific. Nothing like fall foliage – gold leaves and gold points.

While Danbury was going on, I was in Shanghai at the World Bridge Championships – the Bermuda Bowl,

Venice Cup and Senior Bowl along with the secondary event, the Transnational Teams. The US came home with 4 medals: a Silver in the Bermuda Bowl; a Gold in the Venice Cup; and a Gold and Bronze in the Senior Bowl. You will be reading all about this in the ACBL Bulletin, with some local names familiar to all of you: Rose Meltzer on the Gold Medal Seniors Team; Debbie Rosenberg, Irina Levitina with Gail Greenberg, non playing captain, of the Ladies USA1 Venice Cup Team that also earned the Gold Medal.

I was chairman of the Appeals committee and am proud to say that there were only 5 appeals. This is like having a good fire department and not needing them.

The Chinese Bridge Federation did a wonderful job hosting this tournament. The government of China is very supportive of the sport of bridge. They gave \$300,000 to the World Bridge Federation for the running of this event. There is also bridge in all the schools in China, supported by the government. Next year, China will be hosting the World Mind Sports Olympics, a new Organization and new Event on the World Calendar which includes Bridge, Chess, Go, Draught and another lesser known but popular mind sports game. Once again, the Chinese government is being supportive of bridge and is backing any losses that this event might incur. The World Bridge Federation is planning to give

free room and board to the Junior teams as well as the Women and Open teams in true Olympic fashion at the apartments that will be used for the Olympic Games several weeks before. All of this will, of course, take place in Beijing. China is indeed a great supporter of bridge. How great it would be if all the countries around the world felt the same way. Shanghai is a very modern city. The architecture is most unusual. Every building is a different shape and size and very contemporary. Then one goes out into the rural areas where nothing has changed. It takes 14 hours non-stop from Chicago to get there, but only 11 hours to get back to Chicago. A wonderful experience for yours truly.

As you read this, the year is drawing to a close. Make certain to kick off your MP hunting by making plans to be with us at the Hilton Rye Town January 15-21. It's District 3's largest Regional, with good reason – a great hotel, a great schedule, super hospitality and tons of KO's, compact KO's and Swiss Teams. Our extensive Newpicate Program with Cheryl Porter-Garofalo at the helm offers a free snack between sessions if you play both sessions. Don't be left out – make your plans to attend early and often.

Ron and I wish all of you what you wish for yourselves in 2008. And of course lots of MPs. Happy New Year. See you at the tables.

Joan Gerard, District Director

President's Message

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in Briarcliff Manor. Increasing work, travel, and family commitments led to a long hiatus in both playing and directing. However I knew that once I retired, I would return to bridge with a passion. And so here I am now, playing regularly, directing again, making new friends, deeply involved in our Unit's activities, and hopefully encouraging others to enjoy this wonderful game, called bridge.

Marshall Frank

Local Pair Wins ICCG

On August 6, 2007, the ACBL-Wide Inter-Club Championship Game was held. There were 141 tables in play.

Peter Vichaidith and Toyoko Shibutani, playing at the Bridge Deck, came in first overall in Flights A and B with a 68.37% game.

George Lippman and Phyllis Lippman, playing at the Bridge Deck, also had a high national finish with a 63.94% game. This was good enough for 5th overall, and 3rd overall in Flight B.

Congratulations to both pairs on their fine performances.

Overall Fall STAC Winners

Monday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 1/2 Nancy Molesworth, Joan Saltz
 1/2 Heidi Klein, Rhoda Levine
 1 Lorraine Gelardi, Barbara Scharf
 3 Donald Levin, Jerry Tohn

Monday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 3 1 Clifford Nebel, Ed Zuckerberg
 3 Phyllis Spatz, Barbara Warshaw
 2 C.W. & Carole Chiang

Monday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 Linda Heineman, Linda Otnes
 2 Sallie Abelson, Barbara Warkol
 3 Leo Arnaboldi, Leland Getz

Monday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 3 Carol Wiles, Marshall Frank

Monday Afternoon 299er Pairs Br. Deck

A B C
 1 Malcolm Austin, Ronald Kallman
 2 Joan Lieblich, Leslie Davies
 3/4 1 Irene Bisgier, Vivienne Skloot
 3/4 Valerie Scher, Marilyn McGill
 2/3 Mabel Atkinson, Charless Hoffer
 2/3 Renee & Harold Kelving
 2 Dorothy Baer, Denise Resnik
 3 Dorothy & Jerry Greenspan

Monday Evening Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 1 D. Staubi, L. Christianson
 2 1 1 Steve Horton, Wayne Goddard
 3 2 Tim Baird, Lawrence Brown
 3 Joanne Marks, Alan Green
 3 Janet Stroh, Martin Fisher

Tuesday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 1 Diana Kosterich, Elise Luskin
 3 Richard Hecht, Kenneth Hirshon
 3 1 Susan Drucker, Judy Konrad
 2 Gloria Gilbert, Ida Luftig
 3 Jane Young, John Condon

Tuesday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 2 Toni Schwartz, Warren Rosner
 2 Sylvester Karagis, Connie Rosner

Tuesday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 2 Betty Fleischer, Mike McNamara

Tuesday Afternoon 0-300 Hartes' Club

A B C
 1/2 Merle Lewis, Roberta Lowell
 1/2 1 Elaine & James Glover
 3 2 1 Georgia Heller, Lester Schoenfeld
 3 2 Barbara Goldberg, Wendy Sklar
 3 Rita Goldfluss, Larry Schur

Tuesday Evening Inv. Down 2 Doubled

A B C
 1 1 Grace Anderson, David Almer
 2 Jim Levin, Jarl Ingers
 3 Edith Alexander, Ronald Zellner
 2 Frances Platt, Richard Weiss
 3 1 Gerta Linchitz, George Cheung
 2 Donald Jacobson, Arnie Gould
 3 Bill Witte, Esther Lichtman

Tuesday Evening Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 1 1 Vivian Wu, Victor Mazmanian
 2 L. Christianson, L. Gottlieb
 3 Lu Ganley, Robert Krissoff

Wednesday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 1 David Benjamin, Marilyn Sugerman
 2 2 1 Sheryl Pearlman, Irma Van Dam
 3 3 Amy Frolick, Elise Luskin
 2/3 David Florence, Estelle Johnston
 2/3 Sondra Eichel, Judy Konrad

Wednesday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 3 Amy Blecher, Judy Soley

Wednesday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 Peter MacCuaig, Steven Wheeler
 2 Elaine Rabinowitz, Sylvia Stahl
 1 Robert Stern, John Kaufman

Wednesday Afternoon 0-200 Bridge Deck

A B C
 1 Malcolm Austin, David Yaspan
 2 1 1 Fleurette Cassara, Alice Appel
 3 2 2 V. Kotlikoff, J. Nevins
 3 Anne & Lee Miller
 3 Randall Sapadin, Larry Schur

Wednesday Afternoon 0-NLM Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 1 Judi Sternberg, Abbye Bosses
 2/3 2/3 Arthur Aitkens, Charles Walke
 2/3 2/3 C. Shulman, L. Eventoff
 1 Jackie Stone, Jane Loughlin
 2 Marilyn Donahue, Anna Rosanelli
 3 Estelle Pein, Helene Winston

Wednesday Evening Open Larchmont

A B C
 2 Elise Luskin, Amy Frolick

Thursday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 3 1 Alice Neild, Irma Van Dam
 2 Toni Cobb, Mieko Suzuki

Thursday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 1 Joanne Marks, Alan Green
 2/3 2 Phyllis Brown, Barbara Seidenberg
 2/3 Gloria Resnick, Geoffrey Berry

Thursday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 1 Linda Heineman, Marshall Frank

Thursday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 3 2 Barbara Feldman, Aileen Karp

Thursday Afternoon Inv. Down 2 Doubled

A B C
 1 Ann Duncan, Paul Weissman
 2 1 M. Frankel, R. Rechtschaffner
 3 2 Florence Olsen, Eleanor Blanco
 3 Sylvia Kandel, David Seisel
 1 Judith LaPolla, Douglas Dill
 2 Nora Chapis, Harvey Sugar
 3 Ned Isaacson, Bill Witte

Thursday Afternoon 0-NLM Hartes' Club

A B C
 1 Elaine Krass, Valerie Scher
 2 1 1 Susan Burger, Joyce Kaplan
 3 Rae & Marshall Winokur
 2 2 Barbara Frenkel, Irma Trupp
 3 Patricia Goldstein, Barbara Marks

Thursday Afternoon 0-299 Bridge Deck

A B C
 1 B. Treistman, R. Kallman
 2 Harold Samuels, Jerry Greenspan
 3 Norma Lorn, Frank Bruni
 1 1 Parvati Shetty, Tonima Chatterji
 2 2 Sarah Schulman, Rita Goldfluss
 3 Lois Lenzner, Linda Reavis
 3 Ruth Epstein, Judy Crown

Thursday Evening Open Bridge Deck

A B C
 2 1 Art Rosenkranz, Bob Blau
 3 1 Malcolm Ausin, Raman Srivastav
 3 Andrew Cornett, Bill Hessberg

Friday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A B C
 2 2 2 Abbye Bosses, Yvette Macleod
 3 3 David Katzman, Martin Bloom
 3/4 C. Summer, B. Larson
 3/4 C. W. & Carole Chiang

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Fall STAC Winners (cont.)

Friday Morning Open Bob's Bridge Club

A B C
1 1 1 Toni Cobb, Mieko Suzuki

Friday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A B C
1 David Katzman, Martin Bloom
2 1 Karen Hirshberg, Ellen Greenfield
3 Susan & Casey Stern

Friday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A B C
3 2 C. W. & Carole Chiang

Friday Afternoon 0-299 Bridge Deck

A B C
1 Arnie Moskowitz, Ronald Kallman
2 1 1 Suzanne Ochoa, Francesca Fraine
3 2 2 Dorothy Baer, Rena Herz
3 Barbara Worms, Annelise Scuccimarra
3 Malcolm Austin, Michael Gorlon

Friday Afternoon 0-NLM Hartes' Club

A B C
1 Mort Amstel, Robert Krissoff
2 Lois Spagna, Judi Sternberg
3 1 Ida Cardona, Deborah Richter
2 Connie Shulman, Arlene Ende

Saturday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A B C
1 Arch McKellar, Chuck Lamprey
2 Lester Gottlieb, Lawrence Christianson
3/4 Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein
3/4 Janet & Stephen Lippmann
1 Phyllis Lippman, Mickey Karlan
2 1 Paula & Richard Lerer
3 Gloria Weston, Esther Edelheit
2 Barbara Heller, Ellen Greenfield
3 Raymond Myers, Norman Gleicher

Sunday Afternoon Swiss Bridge Deck

A B C
1 1 1 Stephen Kleinman, Toni Buonafede,
Bradley Calcagni, Patrick Soldano
2 2 Robert & Melissa Baker,
Robin & Lawrence Brown
3 Tania Reyes Hiller, Mimi Bieber,
Faye Marino, Rich Laufer
3 Lottie & Joel Sommer,
Bobby & Sidney Stayman
2 Linda & Robert Friedman
Mickey Karlan, Ruth Gundell
3 Margery Reyman, Mary Kelly,
Norma Lorn, Frank Bruni

Dentist's Coup

You are declaring 4♦ at matchpoints with the following hands:

North	South
♠A93	♠854
♥7543	♥AKJ2
♦QJ10	♦A87624
♣932	♣Void

on the lead of the SQ after the following auction:

East	South	West	North
1♣	1♦	1♥	2♦
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
4♣	4♦		

West's 1H bid only shows 4 hearts, as the negative double is reserved for both majors. How are the spades and clubs divided? What is East's most likely hand pattern?

Since West didn't make a negative double, he's likely to have 3 spades and 4 hearts. East probably has 6 clubs, so his likely shape is 4-1-2-6. Hopefully East will have the ♦K.

How do you avoid losing 2 hearts? You have to throw West in with a heart when he has nothing else to lead. You have to extract all of his exit cards like a dentist.

You win the ♠A, and run the ♦Q, ducked all around. Now you make the key play of ruffing a club before you cash the ♦A. [Editor's note: if East covers, you win the ♦A, lead a low diamond to dummy, and ruff a club to reach the same position.] Cash the ♥A and exit with a spade. The opponents take 2 spade tricks, and then must lead a club, which you ruff. When you lead a trump to dummy, West must discard a club. You ruff dummy's last club, which also extracts West's last club.

Now you lead a low heart to West, who must lead away from his ♥Q to give you the rest of the tricks.

Taking a second diamond finesse early prevents you from extracting the last club from West. The East-West hands are:

East	West
♠QJ10	♠K762
♥Q1096	♥8
♦53	♦K7
♣K1076	♣AQJ854

Ron Fischer

Season's Greetings



Roving Rosie

Playing against experts is one thing. Playing WITH them is another. When I started playing bridge, I knew I knew nothing. Then I became a Life Master and began learning how to play. As time passed, I began to believe I knew something.

Now I am at the stage where I know nothing. Or so it seems at the table.

I play once a week with my mega-guru, who has about 20,000 masterpoints. I think he has discarded more systems than most of us have ever learned, and what he plays today is good, solid, logical bridge. He has a bid for every situation, and a comment for every time I don't recognize what he is doing. My only consolation is that half of the time none of my regular partners would have known either.

He has quite a loud voice, so the whole room can hear him say, "Rosemary, you are the only person in the whole of North America who would have passed with your hand."

Yesterday I opened the bidding 1♠, and my partner bid 5NT, the Grand Slam Force. But what was the criteria for my response? I had no idea. I had never looked up the bid. I had never made the bid. None of my partners had ever made the bid. Finally I blurted out, "I'm frightened of your wrath." My partner looked away from the table and said, "I can't help you. If you don't know the bid, I can't help you." I took the coward's way out when I decided to bid 6, figuring that half the room would never bid beyond 6, and that I would be exchanging an average for a zero by bidding 7. 7♠ and 7NT were cold with 14 top tricks.

There were no repercussions. I looked up the bid later, and found out I should have bid 7 holding 2 of the top 3 trump honors. I will never forget the bid or the response. In fact, there are several expert responses.

My guru is promising to hold a seminar on "The Things Nobody Knows." You must be a Life Master to attend.

Rosemary Boden



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Scarsdale, New York 10583
- OR - judy@soley.com

NYC October Sectional

Stratflighted Pairs

Ruth Grant 1st OA

Nashville, TN NABC

Educational Pairs

Natalie & Dan Hertz 1st OA

0-5000 LM Pairs

Sylwia & Michael McNamara 7th OA

0-5000 Mini-Spangold

Sylwia & Michael McNamara 3rd OA

Woodbridge, NJ Sectional

Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss

Robert & Melissa Baker 1st OB

Saturday Flight A Pairs

Michael & Sylwia McNamara 1st OA

New England Fiesta Regional

Wed.-Thu. KO Bracket 2

Amy Blecher, Judy Soley 1st OA

Unit Board Nominations

The WCBA nominating committee, consisting of Idelle Katz, Sue Meyers, Marjorie Murstein, Linda Otness, and Chairperson Joel Sommer, offers the following slate of candidates for 2008:

Officers for one year terms

President, Marshall Frank

Vice-President, Robin Brown

Secretary, Eileen O'Neill

Treasurer, David Huber

Directors for three year terms

Amy Frolick, Dan Hertz, Peter Kalat,

Heidi Klein, Judy Soley, Michael

McNamara

Director (Vacancy Reappointment)

for one year term

Frances Yedlin

Respectfully submitted.

Joel Sommer

Golden Apple XXV Swiss Teams

Concluding the WCBA's annual Closed Westchester Tournament on Sunday, January 6, will be the Golden Apple XXV, a Swiss Teams event in three masterpoint flights.

The Golden Apple is a four-match contest that will take place at the Bridge Deck, starting at 12 noon. A complimentary bagel brunch will precede the game at 11:30 AM.

For the first time, there will be three flights instead of two. The three flights are open (no masterpoint restrictions), 750-2000, and 0-750. The event is limited to WCBA members and players who work in Westchester County but live elsewhere.

Co-sponsoring the Golden Apple for the 25th year is the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Westchester medallions will be presented to the winning players in all flights.

Results from the District 3 Regional in Danbury

Tuesday AM Side Game

A B C
3 3 2 D. Senft, D. Liebowitz

Tuesday AM Side Game

A B C
1 R. Kallman, A. Moskowitz

Tuesday Senior Pairs

A B C
1 Lawrence Christianson
2 1 Benjamin Rottman

Tuesday PM Side Game

A B C
2 2 2 D. Senft, D. Liebowitz

Mon.-Tue. KO Bracket 3

3/4 Barbara Heller, Rita Lane,
Linda Friedman

Tuesday Evening Side Game

A B C
2 Dexter Senft, Brad Calcagni

Tuesday Open Swiss

A B C
1 T. R. Hiller, S. Sternberg,
B. Skluth, M. Bieber
2 G. Porti, F. Altman

Wednesday AM Side Game

A B C
2 Michael McNamara

Wednesday AM 199er Game

A B C
1 D. Yaspan, A. Aitkens

Wednesday PM 199er Game

A B C
3 P. Mangan, E. Stein

Wednesday Compact KO Bracket 2

2 Art Seelenfreund, Dottie Kovel,
Linda Heineman, Daniel Silver
3 Robin & Lawrence Brown,
B. Fleischer, N. Gleicher

Wednesday Compact KO Bracket 3

2 David Katzman, Larry
Goldstein, Jeffrey Weill
3 D. Miller, Y. Wesely,
C. Schweitzer, J. Vogel

Wednesday Compact KO Bracket 5

1 Carole Tunick, Merle Lewis,
Ruth Menken, Fran Columbus

Wednesday Senior Swiss

A B C
3 Eugene & Lucette Flanagan
1 L. & M. Quittman,
Iris & Nathan Adler
2 Marshall & Rosanna Frank,
M. Murstein, S. Blau

Wednesday Afternoon Side Game

A B C
2 1 Amy Frolick, Elise Luskin
2 A. Duncan, M. Martin
3 Carol Willner

Wednesday Open Pairs

A B C
3 M. Gambacorta, B. Arnold

Thursday AM Side Game

A B C
2 Michael McNamara
3 Ilana Nowick

Thursday PM Side Game

A B C
2 Ilana Nowick
3 F. Alkalay, G. Cannold

Thursday Senior Pairs

A B C
3 Lucette & Eugene Flanagan
1 Benjamin Rottman
3 J. Miller, A. Seelenfreund

Thursday PM 199er Pairs

A B C
1 M. Austin, R. Gardner

Wednesday-Thursday KO Bracket 1

3/4 M. Murstein, C. Laufer,
Lottie & Joel Sommer

Wednesday-Thursday KO Bracket 2

3/4 Judy Soley

Thursday PM Side Game

A B C
2 Andrew & Harvey Skolnick

Wed.-Thu. Side Game Series

3/4 Michael McNamara

Friday AM 199er Pairs

A B C
3 3 2 M. Austin, R. Srivastav

Friday Compact KO Bracket 1

1 Sylwia & Michael McNamara

Friday Compact KO Bracket 2

2 Miralyn Kligerman, Judith
Back, Gertrude Willstatter
3 Jack & Dianne Bonney

Friday Compact KO Bracket 3

1 Stephen Kleinman
3 Eda Newhouse, Jane Silberstein,
Bobby Rose, Louise Herman

Friday Senior Pairs

A B C
1 A. McKellar, C Lamprey
2 L. Heineman, L. Otness
3 B. Loprete, R. Castellone

Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs

A B C
2 P. Mangan, S. Bakare
3 2 2 M. Austin, R. Srivastav

Friday Afternoon Side Game

A B C
1 Lucette & Eugene Flanagan
3 Suzanne Durst, Kay Schulle

Friday Afternoon Side Swiss

A B C
3/4 2 1 M. Amstel, R. Krissoff,
Teresa Barry, Lu Ganley
3 J. Matthews, S. Sekulow

Friday Open Pairs

A B C
3 Tory Kane, Edith Halpern

Friday PM Side Game

A B C
1 1 1 S. Kandel, M. Nevin

Saturday Compact KO Bracket 3

2 Tory Kane, Edith Halpern

Saturday AM 199er Pairs

A B
1 1 R. Srivastav, M. Austin

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Results from the District 3 Regional in Danbury (cont.)

Saturday Senior Pairs

A B C
 1 N. Molesworth, H. Jamner
 3 Arthur Ash, Eileen O'Neill

Saturday PM Side Game

A B C
 2 Peter & Nie Lih Kalat
 3 3 N. Gleicher, R. Myers

Saturday PM Side Swiss

A B C
 2 1 1 Janet & Richard Stroh
 3/52/4 Steven & Donald Lockwood
 R Castellone, M Kligerman

Friday-Saturday KO Bracket 1

3/4 Daniel Wolkowitz

Friday-Saturday KO Bracket 2

3/4 Robert & Melissa Baker

Saturday Open Pairs

A B C
 2 Michael Prahin

Sunday AM 199er Swiss

A B
 1 1 M. Austin, R. Srivastav
 2/3 Valerie Scher, Elaine Krass,
 Dorothy Bregman
 2.3 R. Kirschaum, B. Worms,
 S. Deutsch, S. Hecht

Sunday Swiss Bracket 1

2 Jeff Aker
 3/4 Eugene Saxe

Sunday Swiss Bracket 2

3 Nie Lih & Peter Kalat,
 Elizabeth & Robert Brisson

Sunday Swiss Bracket 3

2 Art Seelenfreund, Dottie Kovel,
 Linda Heineman, Linda Otness

Sunday Swiss Bracket 4

2 Robin & Lawrence Brown,
 Tim Baird, Rick Rosenthal

Sunday Swiss Bracket 5

2 Jack & Dianne Bonney

Sunday Swiss Bracket 6

2/3 David Huber, Dexter Senft,
 Henry Deutsch, Dana Rossi

Sunday Swiss Bracket 8

3 Larry Goldstein, Mort Amstel,
 Peter Nisselson

Sunday Swiss Bracket 9

3 Martin Barschi, Bert Haber

The WCBA Top 100 as of November 16, 2007

1. Kay Schulle	16,949	35. Peter Kalat	3,307	68. Stanley Sternberg	2,249
2. Chuck Lamprey	11,685	36. Victor Melman	3,292	69. Yoshie Hata	2,187
3. Richard Zucker	11,543	37. Barbara Skluth	3,265	70. Mira Parikh	2,186
4. Rick Goldstein	11,464	38. Idelle Katz	3,236	71. Joy Berdon	2,163
5. Laura Brill	10,911	39. Gina Tamres	3,013	72. Yoko Ohnuma	2,160
6. Ethan Stein	10,818	40. Lawrence Christianson	2,982	73. Barbara Warkol	2,090
7. Ron Gerard	9,119	41. Robert Stayman	2,981	74. Cecile Tomashevsky	2,073
8. Gerald Sosler	7,277	42. Janos Racz	2,947	75. Sylwia McNamara	2,067
9. Warren Rosner	7,047	43. Marilou Whalen	2,920	76. Ruth Wohl	2,049
10. Natalie Hertz	6,291	44. Genevieve Hewitt	2,914	77. Jack Bonney	1,970
11. Nancy Molesworth	6,271	45. Kassie Munoz	2,874	78. Jim Levin	1,957
12. Dennis Newman	6,243	46. Carol Dalzell	2,852	79. Doris Stubi	1,928
13. Robert Klein	6,168	47. Peggy Mendes	2,754	80. Joyce Blumenthal	1,907
14. Dan Hertz	6,116	48. Charles Hill	2,730	81. Robert Chasanoff	1,866
15. Joan Gerard	5,790	49. George Groves	2,721	82. Linda Heineman	1,841
16. Phillip Martin	5,579	50. Jeff Rubens	2,620	83. Janet Eisler	1,840
17. Halina Jamner	5,524	51. Janet Lippmann	2,619	84. Edith Alexander	1,833
18. Bob Goldwater	5,129	52. Steve Surasky	2,591	85. Gertrude Goldstein	1,806
19. Rhoda Levine	5,054	53. Irene Silver	2,589	86. Nancy Sahlein	1,796
20. Mimi Bieber	4,751	54. Richard Laufer	2,573	87. Francys Leeds	1,788
21. Arch McKellar	4,732	55. Elizabeth Brisson	2,534	88. Jarl Ingers	1,767
22. Faye Marino	4,676	56. Mark Gordon	2,526	89. Stephen Sahlein	1,755
23. Richard Hewitt	4,665	57. Robert Brisson	2,500	90. Ann Duncan	1,740
24. Carlos Munoz	4,656	58. Eileen Paley	2,498	91. Miriam Frank	1,708
25. Jeff Aker	4,249	59. Susan Kraner	2,495	92. Steven Huhman	1,705
26. Charlotte Brasel	3,955	60. John Boyer	2,479	93. Ruth Grant	1,702
27. Stephen Schmeer	3,886	61. John Schmidt	2,462	94. Jeanne Zendman	1,667
28. Harry Silverman	3,873	62. Nie Lih Kalat	2,374	95. Fred Hawa	1,652
29. Joshua Parker	3,793	63. Michael McNamara	2,348	96. Arthur Ash	1,638
30. Stephen Shane	3,634	64. Stanley Perlo	2,345	97. Alvin Galland	1,627
31. Thomas Simon	3,617	65. Elizabeth Baecher	2,307	98. Marjorie Murstein	1,609
32. Phyllis Quinn	3,569	66. Betty Fleischer	2,283	99. Heidi Klein	1,604
33. Susan Meyers	3,313	67. Berl Sternberg	2,273	100. Lewis Myers	1,599
34. Stephen Lippmann	3,310				

Charity Swiss Teams October 21, 2007

Winners

A B C

- 1 Stanley Sternberg,
Norman Gleicher,
Betty Fleischer, Susan Duval
- 2 Tania Hiller,
Stephen Lippmann,,
Eileen Paley, Faye Marino
- 3 1 Lottie & Joel Sommer,
Eileen O'Neill, Brad Calcagni
- 2 Marshall & Rosanna Frank,
Leo & Miriam Frank
- 3 D. Katzman, L. Goldstein,
Phyllis & George Lippman
- 1 Stanley & Barbara Amelkin,
John Steefel, Caren Schweitzer
- 2 Fran Columbus, Tory Kane
Phyllis Magner, Edith Halpern
- 3 Carole Tunick, Fran Altman,
Richard & Paula Lerer

NAP District 3 Final Results

Following is the list of qualifiers for the national finals from the District 3 qualifying round for the NAP held in Allendale, NJ, and Schenectady, NY, on September 23, 2007.

Flight A

- 1 Rick Zucker, Jiang Gu
- 2 Roger Nortman, Annabella Nelken
- 3 William Esberg, Nan Wang

Flight B

- 1 Mark Brighthouse, Himanshu Joshi
- 2 Sidney Kanter, Ron Nelken
- 3 Lee Ohliger, Jonathan Ohliger

Flight C

- 1 David Micci, Francis Realini
- 2 Barbara Lasher, Sulia Chan
- 3 Gene Vennesland, Harold Bigelow

5th Annual Charity Swiss Teams Tops All Expectations

Our Unit held its 5th Annual Charity Swiss Teams and Silent Auction on October 21 at a new location - the Community Synagogue in Rye. 25 teams participated in the Swiss Teams. Almost \$16,000 was raised at the event. It was a huge success for the Westchester Chapters of the four charities: Juvenile Diabetes, Multiple Sclerosis, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Full details and thank yous will be published in the March 2008 issue of *Bridging the Counties*.

Next year our date will again be in the fall. Watch for details for the new date and location. Thanks to all of you who participated. We can all be very proud.

- The Charity Committee: *Mimi Bieber, Joan Gerard, Alisan Harte, Heidi Klein, Kassie Munoz, Linda Otness, Frances Yedlin*

Convention Hall

It has been said that life is like an onion - many layers where you can go deeper and deeper. Bridge is like an onion, too. As you get further into the game, you can see the deeper layers, like figuring out opponents' hands and drawing inferences from the bidding. I will present an auction from the defenders' point of view, and show how various conventions peel back the layers regarding opener's and responder's hands. It will also illustrate that the meanings may change depending on system - so if you don't know what your opponents are doing, ask at the end of the auction!

Assume the bidding side is playing something like Standard American or 2/1.

In an uncontested auction, it goes: 1♦ - 1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♥ - 4NT - 5NT - 6NT. What does every bid mean and show about the hands?

The first two bids are easy. They're natural, showing the designated suits. While opener might have only 3 diamonds at this point, he's likely to have more. Also the diamond suit is better or longer than his clubs.

The 1NT bid should show a balanced hand in the 12-14 range, without 4 card spade support. Since the hand is balanced, opener might have 3 spades and not give raise for lack of a ruffing value or poor trumps.

2♣ is Checkback Stayman or New Minor Forcing. Responder shows a major oriented hand with at least game invitational values. If responder has 6+ spades, he also has 4+ hearts, otherwise there is no need for this sequence. If responder has only 4 spades, he must have 4 hearts also.

2♥ shows 4 hearts. The expert community is divided as to whether opener's priority is to show 3 spades or 4 hearts first. Ask your opponents! In this case, I'll say the opponents say priority is to show 3-card support. So opener essentially denies holding 3 spades.

Is 4NT Blackwood or invitational? As 5NT cannot be a legitimate Blackwood response here, 4NT is obviously some kind of invitation. 5NT must express interest in 6NT, but doubt. - pass the buck back to partner. Partner's 6NT is a signoff.

What are the bidders' exact distribution and point counts? From the above clues, it can be deduced that opener is exactly 2-4-4-3 with a mediocre 13 points. Responder has 18-19 points, exactly 5 spades, and fewer than four hearts. He is also probably relatively balanced as he didn't name a minor suit. Now use all of this useful information to try to set them!

Jason Fuhrman

Rank Changes

Junior Master (5-20)

Joyce Fiedler
Arlene Fraiden
Joseph Hofheimer
John Lane
Eleanor Metrick
Phyllis Ossen
Linda Reavis
Kevin Rosenberg
Carole Roth
Molly Stoopler

Club Master (20-50)

Alice Appel
Malcolm Austin
Irene Bisgier
Moshe Gelboim
Michael Gorlon
Gloria Grossman
Carol Katz
John Nemeth
Richard Tunick

Sectional Master (50-100)

Sanjivani Bakare
Barbara Lee Chapnick
Anna Decker
Emily Gardner
Carol Hurford
Edith Lauten
Joan Lieblich
Barry Paley
Patricia Pueraro
Olimpia Rossheim
Judi Sternberg

Regional Master (100-200)

Marie Bellini
Rose Dinolfo
David Florence
Elaine Glover
John Howard
Norma Lorn
Arnie Moskowitz
Carol Moskowitz
Ilana Nowick
Harold Samuels
Valerie Scher
Toni Schwartz
Roberta Strasburg
Harvey Sugar

North American Master (200-LM)

Lorenzo Anselmi
Stephen Blau
Stephen Kleinman
Abraham Stenberg

Life Master

Cheryl Feldman

Bronze Life Master (500-1000)

Albert Bosch
Cheryl Feldman

Silver Life Master (1000-2500)

Elisabeth Handelsman
Rona Levine
Joanne Marks
Marjorie Vogel

Welcome!

New Members

June Berliner
Alvin Edersheim
Norman Gleicher
Stephen Harr
Paul Helgesen
Marsha Lubin
Adriana Mattioli
Raymond Myers
Deborah Sherran
Victoria Ter-Nikoghosyan
Mary Turino



Club directory	Regular Weekly Game Schedule						
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Bridge Deck 313 Central Avenue Scarsdale 949-5853 thebridgedeck.com	9:30 AM R. Brown Stratified Open 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified Open R. Laufer Stratified 0-200 7:30 PM S. McNamara Stratified Open Stratified 0-200	9:30 AM M. Frank Stratified 1:00 PM M. McNamara Stratified 1:30 PM S. McNamara Supervised Play	9:30AM M. Frank Stratified 1:00 PM M. McNamara Stratified R. Laufer 0-200 Stratified 1:30 PM N. Sahlein Supervised Play	9:30AM B. Hoffman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified 7:30 PM N. Sahlein Supervised Play 7:30 PM B. Hoffman IMP Pairs	9:30 AM B. Klein Stratified 1:00 PM B. Hoffman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Laufer 0-200 Stratified	1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified	1:00 PM S. Abelson Stratified
The Hartes' Club Armenian Church 1131 North St White Plains 285-1230 hartesclub.com	9:30 AM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-NLM S. Patricelli	9:30 AM Stratified C. Lubesnik 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-NLM C. Lubesnik 6:30 PM Stratified C. Lubesnik	9:30 AM Stratified R. Castellone 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-NLM I. Levitina	9:30 AM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-NLM S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Supervised Play G. Greenberg S. Becker	9:30 AM Stratified Y. Shoykhet	1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-NLM Y. Shoykhet	
Down Two Doubled Heritage Hills Somers 241-0937		7:20 PM Invitational I. Nargi		12:30 PM Invitational I. Nargi			
Larchmont Temple Bridge Club 75 Larchmont Av Larchmont 261-3974 www.cuebid.com/ clubs/Larchmont			7:30 PM B. Calcagni Stratified				
Bedford Bridge Club Unitarian Fellowship Route 172, Mt. Kisco 241-0937	10:30 AM I. Nargi						

Changes & Closings

The Bridge Deck is closed January 5, 2008 for Closed Westchester Tournament.

The Bridge Deck is closed January 16-20, 2008 for Rye regional.

The Hartes' Club is closed December 25 for Christmas.

The Hartes' club is not having a game on Tuesday evening January 1, 2008, but will be open for morning and afternoon games that day.

The Hartes' Club is closed Tuesday evening, January 15 - January 18 for Rye regional.

The Larchmont Temple bridge game has a web site:
www.cuebid.com/clubs/Larchmont



Special Games			
December			
2	Bridge Deck	Master/Non-Master	7:00 PM
4	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM
18	Hartes' Club	Holiday Party	All games
January			
4	Br.Deck/Hartes'	Closed Westchester	See Page 1
5	Riverview	Closed Westchester	See Page 1
6	Bridge Deck	Golden Apple Swiss	See Page 1
7	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champ.	9:30 AM
7-11	Hartes' Club	Club Championship	All games
23	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM
February			
2	Br.Deck/Hartes'	Int'l Fund Game	1:00 PM
5	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM
18-23	Bridge Deck	Club Championship	All games
24	Bridge Deck	Club Champ, Swiss	1:00 PM
25	Br.Deck/Hartes'	ACBL-Wide Senior	1:00 PM

Coming Events

BRIDGING THE COUNTIES
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PERIODICALS POSTAGE
Paid at White Plains, NY

March

- 6-16 NABC
Denver, CO
- 12 ACBL Charity Game
Various Clubs
- 24-30 STAC Week
Various Clubs

April

- 13 GNT District Finals
Bridge Deck
- 25-27 WCBA Bob Katz
Spring Sectional
County Center

May

- 8 Internat'l Fund Game
Various Clubs
- 16-17 Jane Hill Future Masters
Sectional
White Plains
- 27- June 1 District 3 Regional
Saratoga Springs



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Next Board Meeting
January 12, 2008, 10:00 AM

TUESDAY, JAN. 15
Bracketed KO Tms I 7:30 pm
Continues Wed. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Side Game Series I (1st) 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16
New Stratified Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am
Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
New Fit A/X Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm
New Bracketed Round Robin Tms (10-3000) 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Side Game Series I (4th) 1 pm
Stratified Side Game Series I (7th) 7 pm

THURSDAY, JAN. 17
New Stratified Side Game Series II (1st) 9 am
Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Fast Pairs (Quick Break) 1 & 4 pm
Bracketed KO Tms II 1 & 7 pm
Continues Fri. 9 am & 1 pm

FRIDAY, JAN. 18
Stratified Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Side Game Series II (2nd) 1 pm
Stratified Side Game Series II (3rd) 7 pm

SATURDAY, JAN. 19
Bracketed Compact KO Tms I 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Side Game Series II (4th) 1 pm
Single-Session Swiss Tms (Red Points) 3 pm
Bracketed KO Tms III 7 pm
Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

SUNDAY, JAN. 20
Stratified Swiss Tms 10:30 am & 5 pm
Flight A/X separate, Strats B & C
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms 10:30 am & 5 pm
(Sunday team events—5 matches first session)
Fast Pairs (Quick Break) 11 am & 2 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (3rd) 11 am
Stratified Side Game Series III (4th) 3:30 pm
Speedball KO Tms 8:30 pm

MONDAY, JAN. 21 – Martin Luther King Day
Stratified Open & Senior Pairs 10:30 am & 3 pm
Bracketed Compact KO Tms III 10:30 am & 3 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (5th) 10:30 am
Single-Session Swiss Tms (Red Points) 3 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (6th) 3 pm
Substitute food available between sessions

Newuplicate Games (Red) (P-200 MIP)
All games are one session —
Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm
Sunday – Swiss Tms 10:30 — Pairs 3:30 pm
Monday: 10:30 am & 3 pm
subsidized food available between sessions.
Play both sessions ANY day except Monday and get
free snack, soda and mini-lesson between sessions.

Compact KO Tms: 12-board matches; 4-person Tms only.
All KO Tms are random draw within brackets.

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Pairing – Gina Tamres
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B=750-2000
C=0-750

Stratified Games
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X=0-3000

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